

THE SAVING WORK OF THE SPIRIT

GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

WEEK 1 GUIDE: John 16:13–15 — “The Spirit Glorifies Christ”

Opening Question:

When have you seen something clearly for the first time and realized you had misunderstood it before?

Read Aloud: John 16:13–15

Discussion Questions

1. What does Jesus say is the primary role of the Holy Spirit in this passage?
2. Why is it significant that the Spirit's work is to glorify Christ rather than Himself?
3. How have you experienced the Spirit helping you see Jesus more clearly?
4. What are some ways we can unintentionally focus on the Spirit in a way that distracts from Christ?
5. How does understanding the Spirit's role reshape how we think about the Christian life?
6. Where do you most need the Spirit to reveal Christ more fully to you right now?

Application Steps

- Spend time this week focusing your prayer and worship specifically on who Jesus is
- Ask the Holy Spirit daily to help you see Christ more clearly
- Write down one truth about Jesus each day and reflect on it

WEEK 2 GUIDE: John 6:44 — “Prevenient Grace: Drawn to Christ”

Opening Question:

What first drew you toward faith in Jesus, or what tends to draw people toward Him?

Read Aloud: John 6:44

Discussion Questions

1. What does this passage teach us about how people come to Christ?
2. What is prevenient grace, and why does it matter?
3. How does the image of God drawing us change how we think about salvation?
4. In what ways does the Spirit soften hard hearts?
5. Why is the cross central to awakening our hearts to God?
6. Who in your life might the Spirit already be drawing toward Christ?

Application Steps

- Pray intentionally for one person who is far from God
- Reflect on how God has drawn you personally to Christ
- Look for opportunities to gently point others to Jesus

WEEK 3 GUIDE: John 16:8–11 — “Conviction: Revealed in Christ”

Opening Question: What’s the difference between feeling guilty and being truly convicted?

Read Aloud: John 16:8–11

Discussion Questions

1. What does the Spirit convict the world of in this passage?
2. How is conviction different from condemnation?
3. Why is conviction actually a sign of God’s grace?
4. How does the Spirit use conviction to point us to Jesus?
5. How do people typically respond to conviction—and why?
6. Where might the Spirit be prompting conviction in your life right now?

Application Steps

- Ask God to reveal any areas where you need to respond to Him
- Practice responding quickly to conviction rather than ignoring it
- Share with a trusted believer where you sense God is working

WEEK 4 GUIDE: Acts 2:37–39 — “Repentance: Turning to Christ”

Opening Question: What comes to mind when you hear the word “repentance”?

Read Aloud: Acts 2:37–39

Discussion Questions

1. What does repentance look like in this passage?
2. How is repentance more than just feeling sorry?
3. What does it mean that repentance is Spirit-enabled?
4. How does repentance connect to participation in Christ’s life?
5. Why do people resist repentance?
6. What would it look like for you to take a step of repentance this week?

Application Steps

- Identify one area where God is calling you to turn toward Him
- Take a concrete step of obedience this week
- Reflect on how repentance leads to freedom, not restriction

WEEK 5 GUIDE: Romans 5:1–5 — “Justification: Made Righteous in Christ”

Opening Question: What do people usually base their sense of “being okay” on?

Read Aloud: Romans 5:1–5

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be justified?
2. How does justification change our relationship with God?
3. Why is peace with God so important?
4. How does the Spirit help us trust in Christ’s finished work?
5. Where are you tempted to rely on performance instead of grace?
6. How would your life change if you fully believed you were accepted in Christ?

Application Steps

- Spend time thanking God for your justification
- Identify and reject performance-based thinking
- Rest in God’s acceptance rather than striving for it

WEEK 6 GUIDE: John 3:5–8 — “Regeneration: New Life in Christ”

Opening Question: What are some examples of things in life that need a complete restart, not just a repair?

Read Aloud: John 3:5–8

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be “born again”?
2. Why is new birth necessary for salvation?
3. How is regeneration different from behavior change?
4. What role does the Spirit play in new life?
5. How does new identity shape how we live?
6. Where do you need to live more fully from your new identity in Christ?

Application Steps

- Reflect on what it means to be a new creation
- Identify one area where you’re living like your “old self”
- Choose one way to live out your new identity this week

WEEK 7 GUIDE: Galatians 5:16–25 — “Sanctification: Formed into Christ”

Opening Question: Why is lasting change so difficult for people?

Read Aloud: Galatians 5:16–25

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit”?
2. How does the Spirit produce fruit in our lives?
3. Why is sanctification a process rather than an instant change?
4. How does surrender play a role in spiritual growth?
5. Which fruit of the Spirit do you most need right now?
6. What practices help you stay in step with the Spirit?

Application Steps

- Focus on one fruit of the Spirit this week
- Build a daily rhythm of surrender (prayer, Scripture)
- Ask someone for accountability in your growth

WEEK 8 GUIDE: Romans 8:18–30 — “Glorification: Completed in Christ”

Opening Question: What gives people hope when life is difficult?

Read Aloud: Romans 8:18–30

Discussion Questions

1. What does this passage teach about our future in Christ?
2. How does hope shape how we live now?
3. What role does the Spirit play in sustaining us?
4. Why is it important to remember that God will finish His work?
5. How does glorification give meaning to present suffering?
6. Where do you need to be reminded of hope today?

Application Steps

- Reflect on the promise of future glory
- Identify one current struggle and bring it to God in hope
- Encourage someone else with the hope of Christ